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TWO
LETTERS
FROM HIS
MAJESTY.

TO THE HONORABLE COMMONS
OF GREAT BRITAIN IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The other by the
ELLENOR
M^{rs} C K.

Read in the House of Commons assembled
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Rusty and Wellbeloved, We Greet you well. In these great and insupportable afflictions and calamities under which the poor Nation hath been so long exercised, and by which it is so near exhausted, We cannot think of a more Natural and proper Remedy, then to resort to those for Counsel and Advice, who have seen and observed the first beginning of our Miseries, the progresse from bad to worse, and the mistakes and mis-understandings which have produced and contributed to inconveniencies which were not intended; and after so many Revolutions, and the observation of what hath attended them, are now trusted by Our good Subjects to repair the Breaches which are made, and to provide proper Remedies for those evils, and for Remedies of those Evils, and for the lasting Peace, Happinesse and Security of the Kingdom.

We do assure you upon Our Royal word, that none of our Predecessors have had a greater esteem of Parliaments, then We have, in our judgement, as well as from our obligation, We do believe them to be so vital a part of the constitution of the Kingdom, and so necessary for the Government of it, that We well know, neither Prince, nor People can be in any tolerable degree happy without them; and therefore you may be confident, that we shall always look upon their Councils as the best We can receive, and shall be as tender of their Priviledges, and as carefull to preserve and protect them, as of that which is most neer to Our self, and most necessary for our Our own preservation.

And as this is Our opinion of parliaments, that their Authority is most necessary for the Government of the Kingdom, so we are most confident, that you believe, and find that the preservation of the Kings Authority is as necessary for the preservation of Parliaments; and that it is not the name, but the right constitution of them, which can prepare, and apply proper remedies for those Evils, which are grievous to the People,

and which can thereby establish their peace and security. And therefore we have not the least doubt, but that you will be as tender in, and as jealous of any thing that may infringe Our Honor, or impair Our Authority, as of your own Liberty and Property, which is best preserved, by preserving the other.

How far we have trusted you in this great affair, and how much it is in your power to restore the Nation to all that it hath lost, and to redeem it from any infamy it hath undergone, and to make King and People as happy as they ought to be, you will find by our inclosed Declaration (a Copy of which we have likewise sent to the House of Peers) and you will easily believe that we would not voluntarily, and of our self have reposed so great a trust in you, but upon an entire confidence, that you will not abuse it, and that you will proceed in such a manner, and with such due consideration of us, who have trusted you, that we shall not be ashamed of declining other assistance (which we have assurance of) and repairing to you for more natural and proper Remedies, for the Evils we would be freed from; nor sorry that we have bound up our own Interest so intirely, with that of our Subjects, (as that we refer it to the same persons to take care of us, who are trusted to provide for them. We look upon you as wise and dispassionate men, and good Patriots, who will raise up those Banks and Fences which have been cast down, and who will most reasonably hope the same prosperity will again spring from those Roots from which it hath heretofore, and alwayes grown; nor can we apprehend that you will propose any thing to us, or expect any thing from us, but what we are as ready to give, as you to receive. If you desire the advancement and propagation of the Protestant Religion, We have by our constant profession and practice of it, given sufficient testimony to the world, That neither the unkindness of these of the same Faith towards us, nor the civilities and obligations from those of a contrary profession (of both which we have had abundant Evidence) could in the least degree startle us, or make us swerve from it; and nothing can be proposed to manifest our zeal and affection for it, to which we will not readily consent. And we hope in due time, our self to propose somewhat to you for the propagation of it, that will satisfy the world, that we have alwayes made it both our Care, and
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our Study, and have enough observed what is most like to bring disadvantage to it. If you desire security for those who in these calamitous times, either wilfully or weakly have transgressed those bounds which were prescribed, and have invaded each others Rights; We have left to you to provide for their Security and Indemnity, and in such a way as you shall think Just and Reasonable, and by a just computation of what men have done and suffered, as neer as is possible, to take care that all men be satisfied, which is the surest way to suppress, and extirpate all such uncharitableness and animosity as might hereafter flake, and threaten that peace which for the present, might seem established. If there be a crying sin, for which the Nation may be involved in the Infamy that attends it, we cannot doubt but that you will be as solicitous to redeem and vindicate the Nation from that guilt and Infamy, as we can be. If you desire that reverence and obedience may be paid to the fundamentall Laws of the Land, and that Justice may be equally and impartially administred to all men; It is that which we desire to be sworn to our self, and that all persons in Power and Authority should be so too. In a word, there is nothing that you can propose, that may make the Kingdom happy, which we will not contend with you to compass; and upon this confidence and assistance, We have thought fit to send you this Declaration, that you may, as much as is possible, at this distance, see our heart, which when God shall bring us neerer together (as we hope he will do shortly) will appear to you very agreeable to what we have professed, and we hope that we have made that right Christian use of our affliction, and that the observation and experience we have had in other Countries, hath been such, as that We, and we hope all our Subjects shall be the better for what we have seen and suffered. We shall add no more but our prayers to Almighty God, That he will so blesse your Councils, and direct your Endeavours, that his Glory and Worship may be provided for, and the Peace, Honour, and Happinesse of the Nation may be established upon those Foundations which can best support it; and so we bid you farewell.

Given under our Great Seal at Westminster the 4th day of April, 1660. in the
first year of our said late Kings Charles the first and second. 14.
twelfth year of our said late Kings Charles the first and second.
Superscribed, To our Trusty and well-beloved,
The Speaker of the House of Commons.

CHARLES R.



Rusty and Wel-beloved, We greet you well: It cannot be believed, but that We have been, are, and ever must be, as Solicitous as we can, by all endeavours, to improve the Affections of our good Subjects at home, and to procure the Assistance of our Friends and Allyes abroad, for the Recovery of that Right, which by the Laws of GOD and Man, is unquestionable; and of which we have been so long dis-possessed by such force, and with those circumstances, as we do not desire to agravate by any sharp expressions, but rather wish, That the Memory of what is passed, may be buried to the World. That We have more endeavoured to prepare, and to improve the Affections of Our Subjects at home, for our Restoration, then to procure assistance from abroad, to invade either of Our Kingdoms, is as manifest to the World: And We cannot give a better evidence that We are still of the same minde, than in this Conjunction, when common reason must satisfy all men, that We cannot be without Assistance from abroad, We choose rather to send to you, who have it in your own power, to prevent that Ruine and Desolation which a War would bring upon the Nation, and to make the whole Kingdom owe the Peace, Happinesse, Security and Glory it shall enjoy, to your vertue; and to acknowledge that your Armies have complied with their obligations, for which they were first raised, for the preservation of the Protestant Religion, the Honour and Dignity of the King, the Priviledges of Parliament, the Liberty and Property of the Subject, and the Fundamental Laws of the Land;

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Land; and that you have vindicated that Trust, which others
most perfidiously abused and betrayed: How much we desire and
resolve to contribute to these good Ends, will appear to you by
Our enclosed **DECLARATION**, which We desire you to
cause to be Published for the information and satisfaction of all
good Subjects, who do not desire a further effusion of precious
Christian Blood, but to have their peace and Security founded
upon that which can only support it; an Unity of Affections
amongst our selves, an equal administration of Justice to Men,
restoring Parliaments to a full capacity of providing for all that
is amisse, and the Laws of the Land to their due veneration. You
have been your selves Witnesses of so many Revolutions, and
have had so much experience, how far any power and authority
that is onely assumed by passion and appetite, and not supported
by Justice, is from providing for the Happiness and Peace of the
people, or from receiving any obedience from them without
which no Government can provide for them, that you may very
reasonably believe, that G O D hath not been well pleased with
the Attempts that have been made, since He hath usually en-
creased the Confusion, by giving all the successe that hath been
desired, and brought that to passe without effect, which the de-
signers have proposed, as the best means to settle and compose
the Nation; And therefore We cannot but hope and believe,
that you will concur with Us in the Remedy We have applyed,
~~which, to humane understanding, is only proper for the Ills we all~~
groan under; And that you wil make your selves the blessed Instru-
ments to bring this blessing of Peace and Reconciliation upon King
and People, it being the usual method in which Divine Providence
delights it self, to use and sanctifie those very means which ill
men design, for the satisfaction of private and particular Ends and
Ambition, and other wicked purposes, to wholesome and publick
ends, and to establish that Good which is most contrary to the
Designers; which is the greatest manifestation of Gods peculiar
kindnesse to a Nation, that can be given in this world. How far
we resolve to preserve your Interests, and reward your Services,

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to perform your duty to us, and to your native Country, whose
happiness cannot be separated from each other.
We have appointed our wellbeloved Servant, Sir, to deliver this unto
you, and to give us an Account of your Reception of it, and so
desire you in our Name, that it may be published. And so We
bid you farewell.

Given at our Court at Breda, this 14th of April, 1660. In
the eighth year of our Reign.
Witnessed the said 14th of May, 1660.

To our Trusty and wellbeloved General Monck, to be by Him
communicated to the President and Council of State, and
to the Officers of the Armies under his Command.



And that you will make yourselves the blessed Instru-
ments to bring this blessing of Peace and Reconciliation upon King
and People, being the time in which Divine Providence
has so graciously brought us to life and health, and in which
men begin to be satisfied with private and particular Ends, and
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